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AN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Lahainaluna Seminary, it would seem, is itself keeping an eye on that Federal subsidy of \$25,000 a year for an agricultural college in this Territory. This was to have been expected, as Lahainaluna was the institution mentioned in government circles when official notice first came that Hawaii only required to have the college to get the money. Whether it is on account of the clouded titles of Lahainaluna as to its water rights and land tenure or something else, the authorities have not been saying much, if anything, of late regarding the erection of an agricultural college for the Territory on the ancient foundation at Lahaina. The matter should, all the same, be kept warm. It will be no small addition to the Hawaiian educational establishment when that Federal subsidy becomes payable, and the measure of the acquisition will not be so much the amount of money as the manner in which it will be earned.

There is a great deal said at home and no small amount of effort being exerted at Washington, for the purpose of having Federal money appropriated to various public needs in this Territory. This is all right. Yet here we have money in a permanent fund awaiting our call—that is, just as soon as the money is made due through some little effort which we ourselves are required to make. It is exceedingly gratifying to learn that the teaching staff of Lahainaluna, and no doubt the students too, are still pursuing the hope set before them—some years ago now—of making their institution the winner of the Federal subsidy for a Territorial agricultural college. They should not have the hope dashed by any sticking at trifles on the part of the Government. If the title to the seminary land is dubious in any respect, so that it would be unsafe to the institution until the cloud is removed if it can be, then no time ought to be lost in having that question settled forever. Should the test prove unfavorable for the institution, still Lahainaluna cannot be abandoned. It would be criminal to allow the oldest school in the country, just when it has acquired new life and functions, to be wiped out. Surely the Government has enough suitable land on Maui to furnish a new site to the institution should that become necessary.

Maui ought to have the agricultural college for different reasons, the first being that Lahainaluna on that island was the first candidate. It is the middle island, taking the general bulk of the group. Maui was once and may still be the premier island in the matter of diversified agriculture. Oahu has two institutions now, where agriculture is a specialty in the training of boys. One of these is a private institution and richly endowed with resources of money, and it draws its students from all the islands. The other is a public institution, but being of the character of a reformatory it cannot be mentioned in relation to the class of youths an agricultural college would invite. All the same both of the institutions alluded to teach practical agriculture and both are on this island, and the facilities of agricultural education ought to be distributed as widely as possible over the islands—just as the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association has found it desirable to have branches of its Honolulu experiment station started at different places in the group.

Now that the Legislature is in session this matter of an agricultural college, for which \$25,000 of United States money annually is available, ought not to be allowed again to slumber.

"It is said," the Hawaii Herald states as news, "that owing to the unsatisfactory returns from the sale of bananas at the coast a number of the Oahu growers of that fruit have decided to pull up their trees and plant cane. The difficulty is over the extremely unfair treatment they have received from the commission men at the coast." Now, does not this emphasize the necessity of a strictly Hawaiian Produce Agency in San Francisco, which has recently been urged in local prints? It is not a matter for the fruit growers of one island, but for a Territorial organization of horticulturists, to bring to pass.

Sheriff Baldwin of Maui has given a shake-up to his police force, incidental to a raiding tour among gambling and illicit liquor joints. Nowadays, it is strange, one of the first things necessary in a campaign of law and order is to jolt a few preservers of the peace out of their shoes.

Maui people have begun to wonder if they ever did really want county government.

It may almost be safely said now that the raising of rubber with profit

in the Hawaiian Islands is less a matter of experiment than of enterprise. Quite fitly, but yet as vainly, it will be seen elsewhere, the mynahs ally themselves with the human croakers to check the growth of a new industry. Fortunately, the first venture in rubber culture here is made under the direction of a man who understands the business.

"There's nothing like leather," an oldtime slang phrase ran. Certainly "leather" looks nicer in Hawaiian export tables than "raw hides, goatskins and sheepskins," which used to figure there. Are there not other articles that might be manufactured here from domestic raw material, especially since cheap oil fuel has come? Lots, no doubt.

It was not what might have been in Senator Ach's mind, or his "idea" of his Sunday bill, upon which the Advertiser commented but rather the obvious and logical effect of the proposed measure. In this true light, there is no "mistake" to be admitted.

GOES TO DESERT TO LOSE WEIGHT

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 22.—David R. Francis's proposed trip around the world and Isaac S. Taylor's recent cruise through the waters of the Gulf of Mexico in a private yacht are but commonplace occurrences when compared to the plans of the chief of anthropology at the World's Fair, W. J. McGee, who has evolved a way of seeking recreation and recuperating from the labors of the exposition that will defy the attempts of the other versatile directors or chiefs to equal.

No triumphal tour for Dr. McGee. He says that the hard work of the past year has to a certain degree decomposed the walls of his capillary arteries and caused him to take on an excessive amount of flesh, and in order to restore his system to its accustomed vigor he will bury himself for three or four months in the heart of the Arizona desert, with nothing but prairie dogs for his companions. His wife, Dr. Anita McGee, the famous war nurse, has written him from Washington that she thinks his purpose is foolish, to say the least, so he is certain that she will not go with him.

SIX MONTHS' RATIONS. While sojourning in the desert, Dr. McGee will live on beans, bacon and rice, prepared by himself. He will take enough rations to last him six months, and will be driven to his "resting place" over nearly 100 miles of desert. The spot selected is forty miles from the nearest railroad, and the closest town is Yuma, reputed to be the hottest place in the United States. The spot which the doctor has selected is only a water hole in the desert, and, according to his statements, is hotter than Yuma. The yearly rainfall only averages half an inch, and the temperature reaches 125 degrees in the sun—there is no shade. Natives of Yuma claim that the spirits of bad men are frequently seen in this part of the country. They invariably reply, when questioned, that they are coming back for their blankets.

Fuel is scarce in the desert and the doctor will cook his food with the aid of a large magnifying glass and the sun's rays. During the daytime, Dr. McGee will occupy his attention in roaming over his domain, costume a la Igorrote, and endeavoring to solve a great scientific problem. The mesquite and cactus plants are green throughout, and scientists have discovered that they absorb light for food, instead of water. Dr. McGee says he will try to discover how this is done, and then evolve a scheme by which the sun's rays can be used for motive power. The cactus, he says, holds the secret of this process, and he believes he can, by the great discovery, substitute the sun's rays for steam and electricity.

RESORT OF PIONEERS. The water hole where the doctor is going was formerly on the track of the California pioneers, and the trail on either side is marked by the bleached bones of animals and men. Over 100 graves are scattered about the spring, fifty of the pioneers perishing there at one time. The doctor will walk to Yuma, when his stay is over. He thinks he can do this at the end of three months. His friends say he will welcome the opportunity.

Dr. McGee is now finishing the report to the Government on the anthropological exhibit at the World's Fair. As soon as this is finished he will make his trip. When Dr. McGee returns from his prolonged sun-bath, he will no longer be fat, he says, and his nervous energy, exhausted by the click of typewriters and their operators' tongues, will be completely replenished.

BANKER AFRAID OF WESTINGHOUSE. Mr. George Westinghouse, the famous inventor of the air brake, has a remarkable power over men. An incident demonstrating this occurred in the president's office in one of the largest Pittsburg banks a few years ago. The president's private telephone rang several times, and finally answering it the president said: "Mr. Smith is not in now."

A visitor hearing the remark looked astonished, and asked: "Mr. Smith, why did you tell him that you were not in?" Mr. Smith answered: "That was Mr. Westinghouse at the other end of the line. He is a peculiar man and has a marvellous influence over other men. It is impossible to refuse him when he asks for anything. He wants me to come to see him, and if I should go and he asked me for a large sum of money I would let him have it. And we are not now in a position to make the loan."—The World's Work.

PROMINENT NATIVE PUBLIC MAN DEAD

A notable Hawaiian passed away when J. K. Iosepa died at 11 o'clock last night at Hiram Kolomoku's residence, Makiki.

Mr. Iosepa was a member of the Constitutional Convention that framed the Constitution of the Republic of Hawaii in 1894. He also served in the Legislature.

For many years Mr. Iosepa was deputy sheriff of Hana, Maui, afterward filling the office of district magistrate. The funeral will be held at 3:30 this afternoon.



LATE HON. J. K. IOSEPA.

Section 1. The council shall elect and may by resolution remove a city controller who shall have a general supervision and control of all the fiscal affairs of the city to be exercised in the manner which may be by ordinance prescribed. It shall be his duty to keep the books of accounts and to make the financial reports required by Article II, Section 15, of this act. His books shall also exhibit accurate and detailed statements of all money received and expended for account of the city by all city officers and other persons, and of the property owned by the city and the income derived therefrom. He shall also keep separate accounts of each appropriation and the dates, purposes and manner or each payment thereon.

SENATOR DICKEY'S BILL.

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Miscellaneous Matters. Section 1. Any ten or more citizens or householders may maintain an action in the proper court to restrain the execution of any illegal, unauthorized or fraudulent contract or agreement on behalf of the city and to restrain any disbursing officer from paying any illegal, unauthorized or fraudulent bills, claims or demands against said city or to recover the same after it has been paid, the amount recovered after paying the expense of the suit to be paid into the city treasury.

Section 2. Candidates for elective offices shall be nominated by petition signed by at least twenty-five of the qualified voters of the city. The signatures on such petitions shall be the autograph signatures of the persons whose names purport to be signed. The signing of another man's name to such petition shall be punished as a felony by a fine of not to exceed \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than two years or both. Section 3. The Territory shall continue to carry on the functions of government within the limits of any city incorporated under this act for six months after its incorporation and shall then transfer to it the management and control of all property within said limits necessary or suitable for carrying out or exercising the powers granted in this act, including the use of such public buildings or parts of same as are not necessary for the use of the Territory. The Superintendent of Public Works is hereby empowered to make such transfer with the approval of the Governor. Section 4. This act shall become a law from and after its passage.

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